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23. The receptacle of claim 22 where said micro measurement graduation means is provided by the application of a label.

24. The receptacle of claim 15 where said means to measure micro amounts of a
5 predetermined capacity is accomplished through the affixing of a separate device to the bottom wall of said receptacle.

25. The receptacle of claim 24 where said device is an auxiliary measurement depression which includes at least one measurement depression of a predetermined capacity.

26. The receptacle of claim 25 where said measurement depression includes at least one
10 measurement graduation.

27. The receptacle of claim 25 where said auxiliary measurement depression has a plurality of said measurement depressions.

28. The receptacle of claim 27 where said plurality of said measurement depressions communicate with one another.

15 **Remarks, General:**

By the above amendment, Applicant has reorganized and reworded the claims to better describe the root invention or species. That being that all of the illustrations described in the specification represent the addition of a means to measure micro amounts in what otherwise would have been a receptacle for measuring macro amounts only. All claims
20 are now dependent on the first claim (claim 15 of the amendment) and this first claim is the invention. Please notice that claim 15 is a Means-Plus-Function claim where the means to measure a micro amount involves the bottom of the receptacle and there are the typical macro measurement graduations on the sidewall as well. This is unlike the cited

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patent 1,839,268 (E. Schneider) where there is not a comparison between a micro and a macro measurement and the micro measurement means involves the sidewall adjacent to the rim, not the bottom of the receptacle.

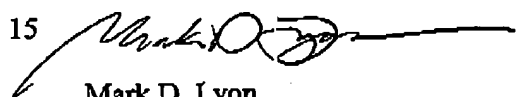
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Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance:

Applicant has amended the claims of this application so that they are proper and define a single species which is novel. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. sections 2173.02 and 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible without the need for further proceedings.

Very Respectfully,

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